

Make 'n Take

Name of Make 'n Take: Introduction to the Indian Act
Theme & Topic: The Indian Act of 1876 was Not Part of Treaty - The Indian Act of 1876
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Grade: Four
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Procedure:

1. Read "A promise is a promise" by Robert Munch. Discuss what a promise is. Have you ever made a promise? How do you seal a promise such as handshake, signature, pinky promise, etc?
2. Grade fours are taken out to the playground and think it is free play time. Grade sevens arrive and want to join in and play on the small side.
3. Stop the grade fours from playing. Propose that the Grade sevens want to be part of their side.
4. Back in class – have Grade fours brainstorm reasons it would be good to have the Grade sevens on their side. Benefits: i.e. helping with glider, turning skipping ropes, helping if someone is hurt, learning new games.
5. Have Grade sevens come in and explain to the Grade twos what they expect as their benefits. Example – no little kid on basketball court, no bugging or asking for attention, no tattling.
6. Have a teacher-led discussion, negotiating and discussing these topics. Make exceptions and compromises.

7. Take ideas and grade fours draw a picture as their contract (word of mouth in comparison to Aboriginal). Grade sevens type up a contract, using Grade seven vocabulary and have the Grade twos sign it.
8. Take Teaching Treaties in the Classroom Grade 4 Appendix A Page 59 “Benefits of Treaty” and have Grade fours fill it out, individually/partners and then as a class.
9. Have children spend a day or two sharing the side of the playground. Tell Grade sevens to make sure to follow the rules.
10. Teacher can create a Playground Act 2009, stating it’s from the Grade sevens. The Act will include such things as Grade fours can’t play their regular games, can’t play with kids from other classes without permission.
11. Have Grade sevens treat Grade fours like this for a recess, acting on Playground Act. (This leads up to the Indian Act of 1876 topic).